

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 to delete the second occurrence of reference number 103, in accordance with the Examiner's comment.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 19-41 and 69-71. Applicants will now address each of the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Fig. 1 and states that the label 103 in the driver circuit portion on the first substrate is incorrect. Applicants are removing this label and therefore, respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also continues to reject Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 67, 68, 72, 74, 75 and 81 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Ohtani (US 6,303,963). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 2 and 72 to recite that the first insulating film is on the interlayer insulating film and the second insulating film is formed on the interlayer insulating film. This is shown, for example, in Fig. 1 of the present application where reference number 115 is the interlayer insulating film, reference number 107 is the first insulating film which is on interlayer insulating film 115 and reference number 108 is the second insulating film which is on interlayer insulating film 115. See also e.g. pages 10-11 of the specification.

In contrast, the Examiner relied on Fig. 16B in Ohtani and cites 4028 as the alleged first insulating film, 4026 as the alleged second insulating film, and 4021 as the alleged interlayer insulating film. However, in Ohtani, first insulating film 4028 is on second insulating film 4026 and not on interlayer insulating film 4021, as in the claimed invention. Further, second insulating film 4026 is also not on interlayer insulating film 4021, as in the claimed invention. Hence, Ohtani does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also has a number of rejections under 35 USC §103(a), each of which are traversed, as explained below:

Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 73, 77 and 80

The Examiner also continues to reject Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 17, 18, 73, 77 and 80 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited reference for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 10 and 76

The Examiner also continues to reject Claims 9, 10 and 76 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. in view of Fukunaga et al. (US 6,559,594). This rejection is respectfully

traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited references for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 13-16 and 78, 79

The Examiner also continues to reject Claims 13-16 and 78, 79 as being unpatentable over Ohtani et al. in view of Yudasaka (US 6,380,672). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim and is patentable over the cited references for at least reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

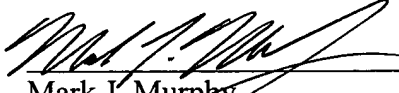
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance should be allowed.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039 for any fee due for this amendment.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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